

BIKEWAYS AND WALKWAYS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2017 at 12:00 PM
Courtyard Conference Room

Member Attendance:

Paul Hart (Chair)
Lesley Orr (Co-Vice Chair)
Dana Christensen (Absent)
Chip Dennerlein
Larry Turpen (Absent)
Cliff Kuhlman
Mark Lansing
Mark Acosta
Bob Lange (Absent)
Brian Heron

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

Fred Saunders (PCD)
Rob Brandes – (County)
Dan Dorrell (ODOT)
Tyler Flaming (City Council)
(County Commissioner) Pending
Ed Burke (Public Safety) – (Absent)
Jenna Marmon (ODOT)

Guests/visitors:

Joe Milder
Darin Fowler - Mayor
Keith Yo
Linda Bradley

I. Business – Continuing

A. Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2017

MOTION/VOTE

Committee Member Kuhlman moved and Co-Vice Chair Orr seconded the motion to approve the minutes from March 14, 2017. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Committee Members Hart, Lansing, Acosta and Heron. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Members Christensen, Lange and Turpen. The motion passed.

B. Bike map and bike path discussion

- Fred has been trying to connect with Bob from BLM. Fred will move forward on putting the information from the old map into a spreadsheet

C. Ride the Rogue

- There is a small update to report. There has already been a couple thousand dollars in donations. Routes are on the website now. They are different this year. Routes are as close to the river as possible. Rest stops and advertising in process, as well as printing of t-shirts. There are brochures ready if anyone wants more information.

D. Updates from Staff, Liaison(s) and questions

1. City

- Chair Hart commented that he rode the new section from Fruitdale and Hamilton. He said it was really nice. Fred stated that the lower bridge was refurbished using salvaged railing from the Owl Parking Lot. One of the bridges used the I-beam supports from the Elmer Nelson temporary bridge from the Redwood district.
- Fred stated they were looking at the intersection of Midland and Hawthorne. A request was put in to Public Safety to see if there have been any incidents there. Tickets have been issued, but no accidents. They will have a Traffic Engineer look into this for solutions.

- With the nicer weather, they will be installing crosswalk striping and sidewalk modifications at Hillcrest and Hawthorne, by Gilbert Creek Park. The sidewalks are almost done on Rogue River Avenue and they are getting ready to do the Beacon Drive and Pine Street sidewalk jobs.
- It was asked if Rogue River Avenue was going to be repaved soon. Fred stated it is not, but a lot of times after construction projects like this they will. This will be evaluated in the future.

2. County

- Rob Brandes stated that Azalea is open. Fruitdale has a short closure coming up. They are doing a project with GPID. There are some trees that are going to be an issue. There will be a sidewalk project in Merlin this summer. They are looking at having a Community Meeting mid-May and a build about mid-summer. They will be doing some storm drains at the same time. This is also the big Bike Path Project that is in the horizon. They have more cleanup work where the BMX track went in. They are looking at putting in a culvert to drain the standing water. He stated that they are still in storm clean-up mode.
- It was asked if South Side Road is sliding off into the river. Rob stated it was not sliding, but it opened up. There is no cross culvert, no new development it just rained so much it popped. There is a hump they suspect is a rock working its way to the surface as well.

3. ODOT

- Jenna stated that in the next 2 years they will do an ODOT Region 3 Active Transportation Needs Inventory. They will be looking at the entire ODOT system in the 5 counties; Jackson, Josephine, Coos, Curry and Douglas. Until then they will be working on a process on how to address the little fixes and requests that come up. If you have brought requests to the ODOT system and you would like to see these addressed, please email those to Jenna. She will bring the compiled list back to this group at some point and look at the different questions and concerns throughout the region. They are trying to get a better system together. They hope this will ensure concerns get addressed. She will send out an email to get that information and input.

4. Public Safety

- Chair Hart would consider this an emergency. Coming down D Street, on the right hand side by Candy or Dean, against the curb there is a pot hole that is 12" to 18" wide and 6" to 10" deep. This is westbound after the shopping center.

5. Citizen comments

- Joe Milder with Ram Offset stated that they do a lot of work the City and the Chamber. He would like to offer up his services to this group. The owner of his company is an avid biker and they would like to get involved.

II. Business – New

A. Bike Rodeo

- Will be on May 20th at Club NW. Leslie will attend next meeting to catch us up on this. It was asked if there will be a bike shop. They will ask Don, if he is not available they will ask someone else. Keith will help with this.

B. Mayor's Volunteer Dinner

- Nomination forms were passed out for the Mayor's 3rd Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner that will be held on June 29th. The deadline for turning in nomination forms is May 31st. They can be completed and submitted online as well. The City has almost 180 volunteers and Mayor Fowler would like to honor them. He stated they give away an award for the Citizen of the Year, Group of the Year and Future Citizen of the Year which is a High School Scholarship. The money comes from volunteers who bring a plus one, the \$20.00 ticket to the dinner covers this scholarship. The first two years the nominations were from outside the groups, he is hoping to recognize people in our volunteer groups as well. Chair Hart mentioned it used to be that board members were not eligible for these awards. Mayor Fowler was not aware of that. The event will be at River Vista this year. It will be a Hawaiian theme and will be really fun. Mayor Fowler thanked everyone for volunteering.

C. Dollar Mountain discussion

- Chair Hart stated that some of the land is private. There is a chance of having a parking lot built on the town side of Dollar Mountain. There is a chance of having access through the county side. Those two things don't cross funding wise. There was a tour of Dollar Mountain scheduled that was cancelled due to the rain. The trail head will be off of B Street on BLM land. They will need an intergovernmental agreement with BLM. Mayor Fowler asked if BLM would be willing to give that piece of property to the City. He also stated that the City is always interested in acquiring property that will help parks or trails. Fred's vision is a full on parking area with lights and fences. The City has put some cement barricades to prevent driving down the gully. Mayor Fowler requested names of the property owners to see if they would be interested in trading some of the property to the City. It was asked if there was any way to make trails that would bypass private property. There was discussion about property owners concerns about liability if someone was to be injured on their trails. Since they don't charge to be on the trails this is not an issue. It was suggested to have a package stating what access was needed with a picture of the land status. There was more discussion about access through private property and asking land owners permission. City money might be available for maintenance to improve the trails or build new trails on the other side. It was suggested to look into grants, but it takes a couple of year. Rogue River purchased a Trail Builder that we might be able to rent from them. IMBA may be able to come out and help lay out the trail. Tyler and Fred will work on contacting private land owners about access through their land. Mark Moffett was talked to about this already. Bob has a map showing where private property is, but without the terrain. Chair Hart suggested writing a floating easement for this. Fred and Tyler will work on this over the next month and have information for next meeting. It was suggested to remind property owners that this will increase their property value.

Meeting adjourned at 1:07 pm

Next meeting date: May 9, 2017 at 12:00 pm in the Courtyard Conference Room
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